

REMARKS

This responds to the final Office Action mailed on October 17, 2006. Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been rejected. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 3, and 5-12 are allowed. In view of the following remarks, as well as the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance in this regard.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,464,381 to Anderson, Jr. et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,013,967 to Hirotaka et al. Applicants have cancelled claim 1. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a bona fide effort to respond to each and every requirement set forth in the Office Action. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and, accordingly, a timely notice of allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe fees are due in connection with filing this communication. If, however, any petition or additional fees are necessary as a result of this

communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under-payment or fees associated with this communication or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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